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Dear Sirs:

The point I wish to raise regarding Municipal taxes concerns the taxes levied on corner property. This may only concern a minority in any town or city but to this particular minority it is a great issue and to many a great hardship. It affects the value of such property but does not lower the taxes on them. Any appeal against such taxes is invariably greeted with the remark "you have a corner lot" "what do you expect", My contention is that such property should only be reckoned on frontage on whatever street the front door faces on and taxed accordingly. My own case has to do with some property I purchased in the spring of this year. It cost me $6000.00 and taxes were $119.00. The side road was merely a grass track.. However a privately owned development was started and a number of houses were erected, the grass track was made into an asphalted road to serve those houses and my taxes were immediately raised to $261.55, a jump of $142.00 in one year. This road was something I did not need and I protested to the taxation office. All I got was the remark I quoted above about I had a corner lot and so on. My lawyer was unable to make any headway about it either. I am going on to 58 in November and I bought this house thinking I would spend the remainder of my life here. Being a low wage earner this increase is a great hardship on me and over a period of years it will become more than I can pay. I will therefore be forced to sell and move out. Surely something should be done about it as I imagine mine can be no isolated case. Many owners of corner lots are probably in the same boat as I am. This is my submission and I pray that something can be done about it.

Respectfully yours,

Signature

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